



PESU NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President:

"I am deeply saddened by the passing of Newark's very own giant, the Honorable Congressman Donald Payne Jr. He was a fierce advocate for his constituents within the 10th Congressional District, and supporter of labor unions and workers' rights.

On behalf of the Public Employee Supervisors' Union we pay homage to a son, brother, father, husband, friend, and public servant for an exemplary life which was well lived. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family."

Lisa Maddox-Douglas, President, Public Employee Supervisors' Union



What's the Buzz?



The PESU contract negotiations committee has diligently reviewed the active contract, laying the groundwork for negotiations. We plan to zealously advocate on behalf of our membership for articles which enhance our quality of life.

The Sandwich Generation: The sandwich generation describes people in the workforce who care for older family members and young children at home. Outside work, they're sandwiched between generations of family members who need caregiving. This can stress employees' ability to adjust their work/life balance between responsibilities. The Essex County Employee Assistance Program (**EAP**) may be able to assist with recommendations for FMLA, Intermittent leave, and available programs for assistance. Our union looks forward to continual collaboration with DFAB administration to prioritize employees' mental health.

Congratulations

We wish to congratulate our members' graduating seniors:

Dante Roberts, son of Siaeng Roberts. Dante worked with DFAB last year for the summer program and he will be attending Kean University in the fall.

During our June 27th Public Employee Supervisors' Union Meeting the winners of our scholarships were announced.

The winner of the \$1500 Inaugural Nwabueze 'Eze' Brooks Scholarship is Chidinma Chikezie who plans to attend Smith College in the Fall. Receiving on their behalf is our member, Sylvia Prince.

The winner of the \$750 Brooks for Books Scholarship is Asad Hall who is attending Howard University. Receiving on their behalf is our member, Abibat Hall.

We would like to thank our members for their outstanding efforts as volunteers!

Inaugural Nwabueze Brooks Scholarship

Committee:

Jeminat Boxton – Committee Chairperson
Christel Adams
Toni Sanderson

Subcommittee Scholarship Review Committee

Lakeisha Jones
Sparkle Myrie
Chanette Reid

Historic Unionization Vote at Volkswagen

In a momentous victory in Chattanooga, Tennessee, 83.5% of workers turned out to unionize under the United Autoworkers (UAW) banner by a margin of 73%.



This victory comes after multiple attempts to unionize at the same plant over the past decade. The newly unionized plant has over 3600 workers. The next step for the newly formed union is to negotiate a contract with management. Meanwhile, the UAW is looking forward to capitalizing on the momentum of this win in an upcoming 5-day vote starting May 13th at two Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Mercedes-Benz plants.

Medicaid represents \$1 out of every \$6 spent on healthcare in the US. Last year, it covered nearly 90 million people.



“The Great Unwinding” of pandemic eligibility rules, Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), & haphazard work requirement regulations make Medicaid challenging for clients and workers alike. Comedian John Oliver from HBO’s Last Week Tonight spotlights multiple issues with Medicaid across the US.

Available on YouTube and HBO/Max
Warnings before you watch:
Language, laughs, & talking produce

Community Calendar

Montclair Scavenger Hunt

Ongoing event

Self-paced, app-guided, city walking tour for groups from 1 – 10 people

[Montclair Scavenger Hunt: Montclair Mischief Makers’ Treasure Hunt | Let's Roam \(letsroam.com\)](#)

NJ State Fair

1 MetLife Stadium Dr., East Rutherford, NJ 07073

June 20th through July 7th,

Food, Rides, Games, Shows,

Fireworks on July 3rd & 4th

[State Fair Meadowlands – June 20 – July 7, 2024 \(njfair.com\)](#)

Butterfly Tent Safari

Essex County Environmental Center, Garibaldi Hall

July 13th through 27th

Anime NYC powered by crunchyroll

August 23rd through 25th 2024

Artists Alley, Cosplay, Gaming Hall (Arcade, VR, CCGs, Consoles, Riichi Mahjong), Special Guests

Jacob Javits Center, 455 11th Ave, on Manhattan’s West Side

<https://animenyc.com/>

Rock of Ages, Tattoo Convention & Punk Rock Flea Market

Sept 6th through 8th 2024

NJ Convention & Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Ave, Edison, NJ

<https://www.trentonprfm.com/>

Essex County Parks Photography Contest

Deadline September 11th

Annual Morristown Jazz & Blues Festival

September 14, 2024

Route 124 & Route 202 (Speedwell Ave), Morristown, NJ

<https://www.morristownjazzandblues.com/>

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DerpyCon NJ’s Anime, Gaming, Sci-Fi, & Comic Convention

October 25-27, 2024

AMVs, Cosplay & Masquerade Skit Contests, Film Fest, Maid Café, Meme Central, Panels, Tabletop & Video

Gaming, Attendee discounts at local restaurants

Hyatt Regency New Brunswick

2 Albany St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

<https://derpycon.com/>

California Spaghetti Salad

Ingredients:

1 pound thin spaghetti broken into 1 inch pieces
1 pint cherry tomatoes chopped in half
2 zucchini medium, diced
1 cucumber large, diced
1 green bell pepper, diced
1 red onion large, diced
2 cans ripe olives 2-1/4 ounces each,
sliced, drained

Instructions:

Cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain using a colander and rinse in cold water. Add cherry tomatoes, zucchini, cucumber, green and red bell peppers, red onion, and olives in a large bowl.

Enjoy!!

Dressing:

1 bottle Italian salad dressing, 16 ounces
¼ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
1 tablespoon sesame seeds
1 teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon celery seeds
½ teaspoon garlic powder

To make the Dressing:

Whisk together Italian salad dressing, parmesan cheese, sesame seeds, paprika, celery seeds and garlic powder. Pour over salad and toss until coated. Cover and refrigerate for 3 hours or overnight.

